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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 18, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lindley et al.

Lindley et al discloses the use of a snap away musical instrument pick, comprising: a sheet of material with at least one musical instrument pick formed therein by at least one cut line around a portion of the pick, with at least one uncut area around the at least one pick defining a single web-gap line joining the at least one musical instrument pick to a flat elongate card body outside of the at least one cut line, wherein the pick can be detached from the card body by severing the webs. Lindley further discloses the use of a plurality of picks that have the same size and shape (see figures 1-4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 2, 6, 11, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindley et al in view of Savage.

Lindley does not disclose the specific use of plastic.

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Savage discloses a method of making a pick by a punching out means using plastic material to form a specific size and shape (page 1, lines 31-35 & lines 6-11).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device as disclosed by Lindley with the plastic material as disclosed by Savage in order to provide a pick with high strength capabilities.

4. Claims 3 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindley et al in view of Chance et al.

Lindley does not disclose the use of die cutting.

Chance et al discloses the use of a pick made from die cutting (column 2, lines 36-50).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the pick as disclosed by Lindley with the die cuttings as disclosed by Chance et al in order to provide an efficient way of fabricating a pick.

5. Claims 7, 8, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindley et al in view of Savage and Byers.

Lindley and Savage do not disclose the use of an aperture.

Byers discloses the use of a plastic body with an aperture (see figure 1b; column 4, lines 10-15) for caring the body on another structure (see figure 6).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the pick as disclosed by Lindley with the plastic material as disclosed by Savage and the aperture as disclosed by Byers in order to provide an attachment means for a pick.

6. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindley et al in view of Everly.

Lindley does not disclose the specific use of a pick that bears geographical images.

Everly discloses the use of a pick that bears geographical images (see figures 1-7).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the pick as disclosed by Lindley with the geographical images in order to provide a pick with a variance of break away points.


7. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 2800 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 2800 via the PTO 2800 Fax Center at 703-872-9306.

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Any inquiry concerning **this communication or earlier communications from the examiner** should be directed to **Kim Lockett** whose telephone number is **(703) 308-7615, after 2/3/04 my new number will be (571) 272-2067**. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on (571) 272-2107.


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